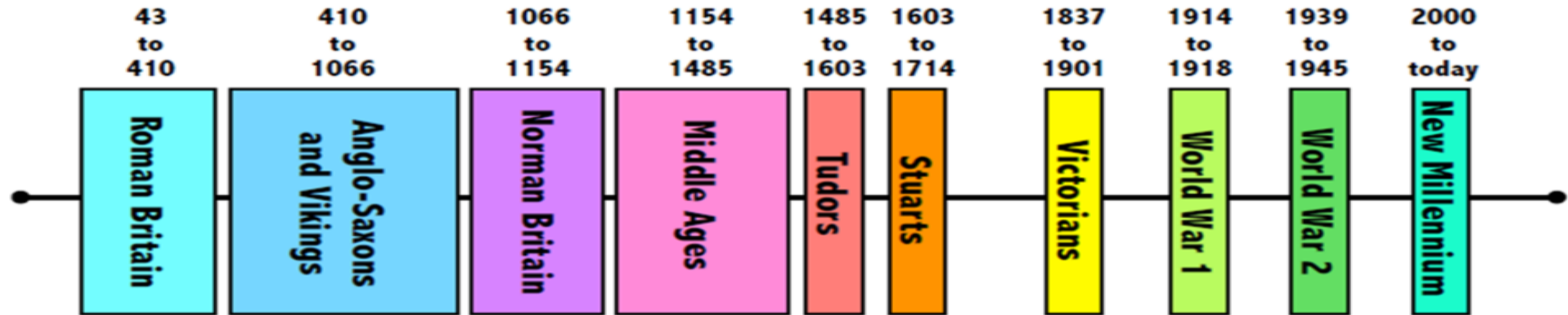


How has crime and punishment changed over time in Britain?



Vocabulary	Definition
crime	Breaking the law
deter	Something to try and stop someone from committing a crime
punishment	What someone has to do when they are found guilty of a crime
court	Where it is decided if someone is guilty
Tithing	A group of 10 people who were
Wergild	An amount of money used as a punishment to pay for crimes.
sanctuary	Criminals could seek protection in churches (abolished in the Tudor
abolished	To put an end to something.
unsanitary	Dirty, unhealthy or likely to cause disease.



When the **Romans** invaded, they already had established laws which were brought over to Britain. Their **laws** were called the **Twelve Tables** and were **written** around **450 BCE**.

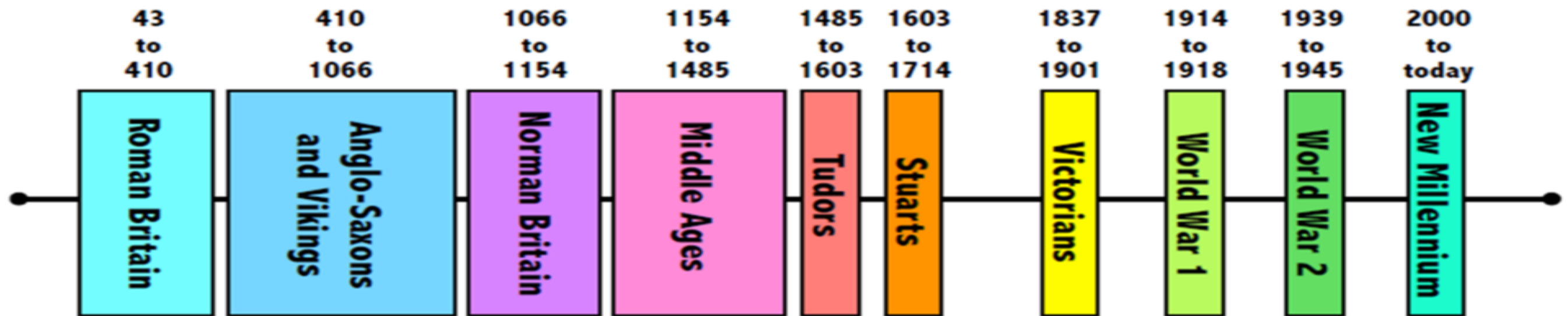
The **Anglo-Saxons** lived by a **payment system** called **wergild**. If somebody had committed a crime, they had to pay **compensation to the victims**. They also had to complete **trials of ordeals**, which were **extremely painful** and usually involved hot water and fire.



During the **Tudor period**, harsher punishments were introduced that involved **mutilation**, **execution**, **humiliation** and **fines**. People were also punished and executed for not following the religion of the time.

During the **Victorian period**, the first police force was set up in Britain. **Public hangings** were **stopped** in 1868 and the **prison system** became **organised** and professional.





Roman punishments

Exile for Noblemen

Being forced to be a gladiator

Amputation of limbs

Anglo-Saxon punishments

Trial by ordeal

God's judgement



Trial by fire



Trial by hot water

Tudor punishments



Scold's bridle



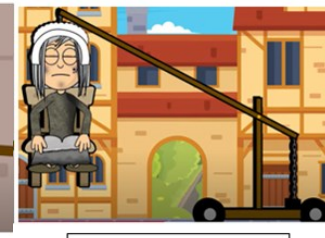
Drunkard's cloak



The stocks and the pillory



Branding



The cucking stool



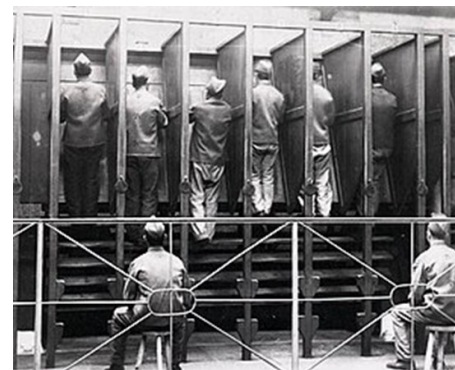
Execution

Victorian punishments



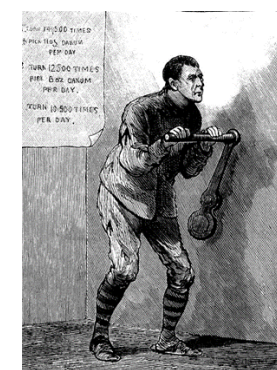
In 1829, politician, Sir Robert Peel, introduced the first English police force to improve public order in London.

Prisons became the main form of punishment. They were damp, unhealthy, **unsanitary** and over-crowded. All kinds of prisoners were mixed, men, women and children.



Treadmills

Prisoners were made to walk for hours on giant, circular treadmills.



Cranks

Prisoners had to turn the cranks 20 times a minute (up to 10,000 times a day).



Oakum picking

Prisoners picked oakum (separating strands of rope).